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In re Application of:
Richard E. Smalley et al.


For: CARBON FIBERS FORMED FROM
SINGLE-WALL CARBON
NANOTUBES

Atty Dkt: 11321-P012USD9

§ Serial No: To Be Assigned
§ (division of application
§ Serial No. 09/380,545)
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§ Filed: HEREWITH
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§ Group Art Unit: 1754 (anticipated)
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§ Prior Examiner: Stuart Henderson
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REQUEST FOR FILING DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a divisional application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/380,545, filed on September 3, 1999, entitled "CARBON FIBERS FORMED FROM SINGLE-WALL CARBON NANOTUBES," which is the 35 U.S.C. § 371 national application of International Application Number PCT/US98/04513 filed on March 6, 1998, which designated the United States, claiming priority to: provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/067,325, filed on December 5, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/064,531, filed on November 5, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/063,675, filed on October 29, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/055,037, filed on August 8, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/047,854, filed on May 29, 1997; and provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/040,152, filed on March 7, 1997. Each of the foregoing

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applications is commonly assigned to the assignee of the present invention and is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/380,545, filed on September 3, 1999, entitled "CARBON FIBERS FORMED FROM SINGLE-WALL CARBON NANOTUBES," which is the 35 U.S.C. § 371 national application of International Application Number PCT/US98/04513 filed on March 6, 1998, which designated the United States, claiming priority to: provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/067,325, filed on December 5, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/064,531, filed on November 5, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/063,675, filed on October 29, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/055,037, filed on August 8, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/047,854, filed on May 29, 1997; and provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/040,152, filed on March 7, 1997. The undersigned hereby incorporates co-pending prior patent application Serial No. 09/380,545, International Application Number PCT/US98/04513, provisional application Serial No. 60/067,325, provisional application Serial No. 60/064,531, provisional application Serial No. 60/063,675, provisional application Serial No. 60/055,037, provisional application Serial No. 60/047,854, and provisional application Serial No. 60/040,152, herein by reference and verifies that the enclosed papers are a copy of the co-pending prior patent application Serial No. 09/380,545 as originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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- (a) ☒ The inventorship is the same as co-pending prior patent application Serial No. 09/380,545.
- (b) ☐ Deletion of inventor(s). Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- (c) ☐ Priority of foreign patent application number _____, filed _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(e). The certified copy:
☐ is enclosed.
☐ has been filed in the prior Application Serial No. _____.

- ☐ 2. The Assistant Commissioner is requested to grant Applicants a filing date in accordance with Rule 1.53, and supply Applicants with a Notice of Missing Parts in due course, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.53(f).
- ☒ 3. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1159.00 to cover the filing fee as calculated below and the fee for any new claims added in the Preliminary Amendment referred to in Part No. 9 below.

CLAIMS FOLLOWING ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Basic Fee -----				\$370.00
Total Claims	75 - 20 =	55 ×	\$9 =	\$495.00
Independent Claims	10 - 3 =	7 ×	\$42 =	\$294.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) -----				\$00.00
TOTAL FILING FEES:				\$1159.00

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- ☒ 4. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status for this application.
- ☐ (a) A small entity statement is enclosed.
- ☒ (b) A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☒ 5. If the check is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for any reason relating to this application, or credit any overpayment, to Winstead Sechrest & Minick Deposit Account No. 23-2426 referencing 11321-P012USD9.
- ☐ 6. Enclosed is a copy of the current Power of Attorney in the prior application.
- ☒ 7. Address all future communications to:
- Ross Spencer Garsson
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- ☒ 8. The prior application is presently assigned to William Marsh Rice University.
- ☒ 9. Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment. Any additional fees incurred because of the Preliminary Amendment are included in the check at No. 3 above and said fee has been calculated after calculation of claims and after amendment of claims by the Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ 10. Cancel in this application claims 1-116 and 141-162 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

11. This application is a division of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/380,545, filed on September 3, 1999, entitled "CARBON FIBERS FORMED FROM SINGLE-WALL CARBON NANOTUBES," which is the 35 U.S.C. § 371 national application of International Application Number PCT/US98/04513 filed on March 6, 1998, which designated the United States, claiming priority to: provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/067,325, filed on December 5, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/064,531, filed on November 5, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/063,675, filed on October 29, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/055,037, filed on August 8, 1997; provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/047,854, filed on May 29, 1997; and provisional U.S. patent application Serial Number 60/040,152, filed on March 7, 1997. Each of the foregoing applications is commonly assigned to the assignee of the present invention and is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

This application discloses subject matter related to the subject matter of U.S. patent application Serial Number 10/000,746, filed on November 30, 2001, in the name of Daniel T. Colbert et al., entitled “MACROSCOPICALLY MANIPULABLE NANOSCALE DEVICES MADE FROM NANOTUBE ASSEMBLIES,” which application is commonly assigned to the assignee of the present invention.

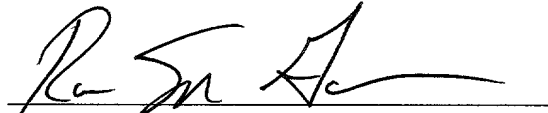
- ☐ 12. Enclosed are formal drawings.
- ☐ 13. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.
- ☐ (a) PTO/SB/08A.
- ☐ (b) Copies of IDS citations.
- ☐ 14. Transfer the sequence information, including the computer readable form previously submitted in the parent application, Serial No. _____, filed _____, for use in this

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application. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), Applicant states that the paper copy of the sequence listing in this application is identical to the computer readable copy in parent application Serial No. filed . Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), Applicant also states that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing.

- ☐ 15. Other: ____.
- ☒ 16. Return Receipt Postcard (should be specifically itemized).

Respectfully submitted,



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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

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Application Number	Unassigned
Filing Date	December 28, 2001
First Named Inventor	Richard E. Smalley
Examiner Name	Unassigned
Group Art Unit	Unassigned
Attorney Docket No.	11321-P012USD9

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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	370.00
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	0.00
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	0.00
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	0.00
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	0.00

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

370.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
75	-20** = 55	9.00	495.00
10	-3** = 7	42.00	294.00
Multiple Dependent		280.00	0.00

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

789.00

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity (\$)	Fee Code	Small Entity (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	0.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	0.00
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	0.00
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	0.00
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	0.00
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	0.00
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	0.00
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	0.00
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	0.00
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	0.00
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	0.00
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	0.00
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	0.00
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	0.00
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0.00
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	0.00
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	0.00
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	0.00
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	0.00
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	0.00
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	0.00
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	0.00
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	0.00
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	0.00
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	0.00
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	0.00
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	0.00
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	0.00
Other fee (specify)	N/A				0.00

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